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Title:

MAIL PIECE VERIFICATION SYSTEM HAVING FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

CAPABILITY

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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